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For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND)	
CONTROL METHOD)	Monday, June 8, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, June 8, 2009 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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